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The Chairman, Mr. Thomas Hoffmire, proposed the toast to "Our Guests"; the response was made by Lord Mancroft.

Mancroft's speech was uncommonly witty, and I thought perfection for this particular occasion. I sat between him and his agreeable wife. There were about 400 people present. Before the speaking, there was much singing of American songs, like "Dixie" and "My Old Kentucky Home". Afterwards, the dining room was cleared for dancing; this lasted until about two o'clock.

The temperature today when our reception started was 52°. Summer weather tried to assert itself last week, but now appears to have given up the struggle.

July 5, 1962 - Thursday

Prof. Arnold Wolfers came to see me this morning. He has made a swing through the Common Market countries, as a consultant for the State Department.

John Wheeler-Bennett showed me a letter he has prepared, inviting President Truman to come over next May or June to deliver a lecture at the Ditchley Foundation. All his expenses would be paid by the Foundation, from Kansas to Ditchley and return, as well as an honorarium of £100. I am to support this with a letter to the ex-President, since I am a member of the Board.

I lunched at Bucks with Ronnie Tree. I am devoted to him. He is taking the family shortly to Venice, then will go back to Barbados. A lengthy session with Teddy White this afternoon, an always instructive proceeding.

We had a dinner tonight for

Lady Diana Cooper	Mr. Alistair Forbes
Mr. Whitney and Lady Daphne Straight	Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks
Mr. Frank and Lady Katherine Giles	Mr. and Mrs. Theodore White
Mr. and Mrs. Soames	Mrs. Kingman Douglas
Mr. and Mrs. Agar	Mr. Weidenfeld
Hon. and Mrs. Lewis Douglas	Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brisson,
Gen. and Mrs. Grover Brown	(Rosalind Russell)